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1. The amendment filed on 15 March 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

US Pat. 5,516,920 equivalent to GB 2 281 910 of PTO-1449. Examples 1 and 3 and col. 25, lines 31-45 of said US Pat. 5,516,920 teach the instant compounds and polystyrene. However, said US Pat. 5,516,920 is silent as to the molecular weight of polystyrene, the amount of the 3-arylbenzofuranone and the residual amount of the aromatic monovinyl monomer. The data in the instant table 1 would rebut any reasoning of an obviousness since said table shows unexpected superior results (no odor or higher number of molded articles) of employing the instant amount of 3-arylbenzofuranone and a polystyrene having less than 100 ppm of styrene monomer.


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